

**House File 2056 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to an exemption from jury service for persons  
2 at least seventy-three years of age and making penalties  
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 607A.5, Code 2016, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **607A.5 Automatic excuse from jury service.**

4 1. A person shall be excused from jury service if the  
5 person submits written documentation verifying, to the court's  
6 satisfaction, that the person is solely responsible for the  
7 daily care of a person with a permanent disability living  
8 in the person's household and that the performance of juror  
9 service would cause substantial risk of injury to the health of  
10 the person with a disability, or that the person is the mother  
11 of a breastfed child and is responsible for the daily care of  
12 the child. However, if the person is regularly employed at a  
13 location other than the person's household, the person shall  
14 not be excused under this section subsection.

15 2. A person shall be excused from jury service if the person  
16 is at least seventy-three years of age and notifies the court  
17 that the person is at least seventy-three years of age and  
18 wishes to be exempted from jury service.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill creates an automatic exemption from jury service  
23 for persons who are at least 73 years of age if the person  
24 opts out of jury service. To opt out of jury service, the  
25 person must notify the court that the person is at least 73  
26 years of age and wishes to be exempted from jury service. Upon  
27 doing so, the court is required to excuse the person from jury  
28 service.

29 Pursuant to Code section 607A.7, a person who makes a false  
30 claim in order to be relieved of jury service commits contempt.